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her home

by **TOM BARNES**

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Devastated co-workers found a mother-of-two murdered in her flat.

Margaret Sheehy was discovered lying on her couch by colleagues who had forced their way into her flat in Springfield Road, Kingston, after she failed to turn up for work on Tuesday, June 12.

Initial reports from police at the scene suggested she may have died of head injuries, but a postmortem examination later revealed asphyxiation as the cause of death.

A murder investigation has been launched.

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# Retrial for murder charge

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A man accused of murdering the mother of his child in their Kingston home will face a retrial.

Muhammad Asad Niazi, 29, denies murdering his partner Charito "Che" Cruz, 37, in their bedsit on September 29 last year.

The prosecution had been due to close its case at the Old Bailey on Wednesday after five days of witnesses, but a retrial will now take place.

Abigail Pickering, Ms Cruz's sister-in-law, who has travelled to the Old Bailey from Buckinghamshire, said: "I'm devastated. The family is all waiting for answers."

"To go through it again with a retrial, I'm going to go through all the emotions."

Mrs Pickering said Ms Cruz's ashes were reunited with her parents in the Philippines in



Happier times: Charito Cruz and Muhammad Asad Niazi and, inset, pictures at the funeral

April - six months after she died.

Generous friends and churchgoers raised nearly £3,000 to pay for the trip after being moved by her death.

Mrs Pickering said: "I took the urn straight to the birthplace of Charito in Parangue."

"We had a funeral there for two days and she was taken to her home place and another

funeral and she was buried on May 2.

"It is a tradition. There was crying. [Her parents] said 'You left alive and came back as ashes'. It was a really hard thing."

She said Roberto, Ms Cruz's brother and his family from Australia also took part in the funerals.

They had not been able to visit the cremation service in Kingston, but watched on Skype over a mobile phone camera.

Mrs Pickering said: "It has been very hard not to see her. Normally on the burial we open the coffin and have a last kiss or goodbye or touch."

Mr Niazi and Ms Cruz's two-year-old daughter was being looked after.

She said: "She is fine and doing well."

The jury was discharged and a date for the trial set for December 3.

## Festival's ready to take off

The mayor of Kingston joined performers for the official launch of the International Youth Arts Festival.

Councillor Mary Heathcote also joined IYAF directors and the public for the launch party on Monday at the Rose Theatre's cultural cafe.

For more information about the festival, visit [iyafestival.co.uk](http://iyafestival.co.uk).



Big start: Coun Mary Heathcote at the launch

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**ON YER BIKES:** TV presenter and ex-Strictly Come Dancing contestant, Gethin Jones, has paired up with national cycling campaign Sky Ride to motivate Kingston residents to get on their bikes.

Cycles in the next few weeks include a trip to the river from Kingston Gate on June 24. Visit [goskyride.com/kingston](http://goskyride.com/kingston).

**TEA DANCE:** Dancers enjoyed tea and cake after taking to the floor at Richard Mayo Hall, Kingston on June 8.

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# Magistrate named in Queen's birthday list

by CLARE BUCHANAN

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A devoted magistrate who has championed countless community causes has been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Joan McConn was awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for her services to the community in Kingston that range from ushering voluntarily at the Rose Theatre to sitting on the conservation area advisory committee.

She said: "I was gobsmacked really, I never thought I would get it. I am really pleased, it's quite gratifying really to have some sort of recognition."

The 65-year-old helped set up environmental group Transition Town Kingston (TTK) and the Kingston Federation of Allotments and is lettings secretary for the Addison Gardens Allotment Association.

She is a keen committee member of the Spring Grove Residents' Association, chairwoman of the Kingston Tour Guides and has looked after St John's parish hall for 20 years, securing lottery funding for redevelopment.



**Gobsmacked: Joan McConn in her role as a tour guide**

The magistrate of 18 years is also a trustee for charity Learning English at Home.

Liverpool-born Mrs McConn said her mother, who always helped others, would frequently send her and her two sisters across the road with Sunday dinner for elderly neighbours.

She said: "I suppose that's

where I get it from, I really do care about society.

"I think it's really important. People don't think about the small things which can be really important to people.

"But I feel strongly about community, that's the main thing."

Mrs McConn said she found out she was in line for the honour a month ago, but had to keep it a secret and rushed online in the early hours of Saturday, June 16, to see if she was successful.

She said: "I didn't really believe it. What's really nice is seeing the nice things that people said about me. You don't think to say them day to day."

The BEM, sometimes called the working class gong, was scrapped in 1993 by John Major in an effort to make the honours system classless.

But last year David Cameron announced it would be reinstated to mark the Queen's diamond jubilee and recognise people's dedication and hard work in their communities.

Do you know anyone that was honoured by the Queen? Call 020 8744 4264 or email cbuchanan@london.newsquest.co.uk.

## Policeman pioneered volunteer service

A policeman who set up a pioneering volunteer group to run a police station has retired after nearly 30 years of service to his community.

PC Brian Jackson, who was a New Malden beat officer for 29 years, set up one of the very first police volunteer groups in the Metropolitan Police Service.

PC Jackson carried out all the administrative duties that led to the introduction of the volunteer team dedicated to the reopening and man-

ning of New Malden police station in July 2001.

In March this year the volunteer group donated nearly 700 hours of their time to police service in the borough.

PC Jackson, who was previously persuaded to delay his retirement and continue to head up the volunteer team alongside his other duties last year, has finally decided to call it a day.

Chief Inspector Bill Heasman said: "He has been an exemplary officer and

Kingston's volunteer programme has continued to perform well thanks to the base established by PC Jackson."

PC Jackson's police career has been centred on Kingston although he has had short spells in both Wandsworth and Euston.

Original member of the volunteer group Tony Townsend said: "I would like to pay tribute on behalf of all the volunteers to the work and support of PC Jackson."



**Quack effect: Monty the duck with Ellen Owen and her son Mickey, aged one**

## Youngsters toddle to raise money

Toddlers put their best foot forward to help raise money for the Meningitis Trust.

Under fives took part in the sponsored

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**CHILD CARE:** The care of sick children was examined on Tuesday when councillors discussed a review of NHS services. Plans to close the Sunshine children's ward at Kingston Hospital were on the agenda at the public meeting at Kingston Council.

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# Letters from the heart

by NAZIA DEWJI

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"I am curious to find out about the couple, I mean maybe she worked here or her husband drank here – this is a little bit of history that is never going to be repeated."

Mr Archer said he had not got around to reading all the letters – which total more than 100 little handwritten notes, but regulars at

the pub are fascinated with the find and are continuously asking him to bring out the box for a special reading.

He said: "It would be such a shame not to find the rightful owner or family."

"I am old fashioned. If the man who wrote the letters is alive, would love to shake his hand and buy him a drink – I would even let him pour his own pint if he wanted to."

Heartfelt love letters penned by a mysterious doting husband to his pregnant wife in the post-war era have been discovered in a pub.

Landlord Terry Archer, 46, found the romantic mail in the coaching inn stables of the Queen's Head pub in Richmond Road, Kingston, after taking over the premises two months ago.

The father-of-five was clearing out the back of the Grade I listed coaching inn when he came across the stash of letters from the unknown man written in 1949 while he was on national service in Chester.

The letters were addressed to LJ Briggs in Beresford Road, Kingston, and opened with "Dearest heart", "Dearest angel" or "Dearest sweetheart" and were always signed off with dozens of kisses.

A letter dated May 16, 1949 reads: "I thank God that he brought us together for each other. Believe me my angel I have never been so happy as I have since I have been with you. You are perfect my darling... I am sure that you are going to be a perfect mother for our Pat too."

"I love you deeply and humbly and I only hope I will always be worthy of you darling."

Mr Archer said: "I don't know how they got here or how long they have been here, but it is amazing that something like this has lasted this long and is still here."

"We were just clearing out the back and found them. It doesn't look like the last couple of owners ever cleared it."



A little bit of history: Landlord Terry Archer reads some of the letters found at the pub  
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## Parish priest's 60 milestone

A popular retired parish priest marked his own diamond jubilee by celebrating 60 years in holy orders eating with a cake with parishoners.

Churchgoers at St Joseph's Catholic Church in New Malden joked that the bunting around the area and the street celebrations for the Queen were in fact for Father Michael Gwinnell, 87.

About 200 former colleagues in the priesthood and members of his family, godchildren and nephews and nieces, gathered at the church in Montem Road on Saturday, June 9.

Father Gwinnell said: "When I grew up I did not want to be a priest. During the war I trained as an aircraft engineer."

But when a priest asked him if he had ever thought of joining the priesthood it began a chain of thought led him to his calling.

He said: "Before I joined I was often bored, but since the moment I set foot over the threshold I have not experienced a day of boredom."

Father Peter Edwards, from St Joseph's, said: "He is a lovely person, highly thought of and greatly sought out for spiritual direction."

Father Gwinnell retired at the age of 77, but has been playing a role in New Malden since moving to the area saying mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church through the week and helping out in other parishes.

He was ordained at St John's Seminary Womersley, near Guildford, on June 7, 1952, and had left his last parish at St Ann's Kingston Hill, 11 years ago.



# Tributes paid to murdered woman as killer's still free

by TOM BARNES

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Colleagues of murdered Margaret Sheehy have paid tribute to their respected co-worker.

The Irish woman, known by friends as Margot, had two grown-up children, one of whom is thought to live abroad.

A spokeswoman from Kingston-based finance company Intelliflo, where she worked, said staff were shocked to have lost a valued colleague in such an "awful way".

She said: "Margot was a very well-liked and respected member of our company and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with her loved ones at this difficult time."

It is believed Ms Sheehy lived alone at the flat, which was guarded by a police cordon while forensic teams gathered evidence.

The converted Victorian flat, which stands in the shadow of St John the Evangelist Church just metres from Kingston University, remains bordered up.

A weapon was not thought to have been used in the attack, though this had not yet been confirmed, and there was no sign of forced entry, detectives at the scene said.

Detective Chief Inspector Nick Scola, of the specialist crimes and operations unit, appealed to witnesses and those who knew the woman to come forward.

A woman living in the same block, who asked not to be named, said she did not know Ms Sheehy, but was shocked and saddened that something "so terrible" could happen in Kingston.

She said: "It is really shocking to think it could happen just metres from where I live and sleep. I did not know her, as I have only been here a short time, but it is really sad for her and her family."

Anyone with information should call 020 8721 4005 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

There have been no arrests.

❑ Did you know Ms Sheehy? To leave a tribute contact Tom Barnes by emailing [tbarnes@london.newsquest.co.uk](mailto:tbarnes@london.newsquest.co.uk) or calling 020 8744 4273.



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## Camra backs pub fight

The Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) has joined the fight to save a pub described as a lifeline for the community.

The organisation is backing the battle to save Worcester Park Tavern as residents fear the landmark pub - in a prime site near Worcester Park station - could be knocked down and turned into flats, after

being put up for sale in May. June Fraser, 57, who launched the campaign to save the pub, said Camra's support would be invaluable.

A spokesman for Spirit Pub Company said the Worcester Park Tavern would remain open for the short term and the company would update staff on developments.

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# Campaigners vow to fight superstore plan

by TOM BARNES

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A fresh fight is brewing after a supermarket giant submitted a revised plan for a new superstore.

Tesco bowed to public pressure and withdrew an application to develop on the old Toby Jug site in Tolworth in April 2010 – but submitted a revised plan this week.

Surbiton and Kingston MP Edward Davey was joined by campaigners and traders in vowing to fight the plans.

Mr Davey said: “Despite the reduction in size it is still a large supermarket. There are still not enough affordable family homes and above all this proposal still fails to understand the effect on traffic on the Tolworth roundabout.”

Tesco said it has consulted with Transport for London on the effect on traffic, nearly halved the proposed size of the store and promised more than 250 jobs.

It argued the development would strengthen Tolworth’s position as a shopping destination, improve connections across Tolworth roundabout and attract new retailers.

Traders were split over Tesco’s



**Proposed site: The old Toby Jug site has been eyed by Tesco, angering campaigners, among them Edward Davey MP, inset**

plans for a new superstore.

Najid Al Hashim, who runs Rose Cafe and Bakery, said he expected trade to drop off by about 20 or 30 per cent if the bid was successful.

However, Golsa Ameri, from Scope charity shop, disagreed and said a new supermarket and gym would bring more customers to the area and increase sales.

Councillor Rolson Davies criticised Tesco for trying to whip up support for the site from residents outside Tolworth at the expense of people living nearby who

would have a “Tesco town” on their doorstep.

Tony Fletcher, corporate affairs manager at Tesco, said: “Following the public consultation we undertook last autumn it was clear that, where people had concerns, they focused on traffic and highways.

He said: “We have put a lot of work into analysing the road network and have come up with proposals for a set of improvements – which we will pay for – so that the network can accommodate the additional usage and shorten average journey times.”



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## Losing their marbles for charity

Hundreds of whacky fun seekers headed to a pub to build a giant version of a popular children's game for charity.

Giant Kerplunk, the brain-child of the team behind British Bread Golf, took place behind The Lamb pub in Brighton Road, Surbiton on June 16 and 17.

The annual event, now in its fourth year, helped to raise more than £1,000 for Youth, organisers of the International Youth Arts Festival, which begins in Kingston in two weeks.



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# Crash victim is back after defying doctors

by CLARE BUCHANAN

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A fitness instructor who was told he would never exercise again after suffering partial paralysis from a motorbike smash has made a full recovery.

Luke Bulbeck broke his back, arm, eight ribs and suffered a collapsed lung and paralysis of his right arm after a car crashed into his motorbike in Stonecot Hill in November 2008.

The New Malden motorcyclist was told his injuries were so severe he would not be able to do any exercise again, ruining his livelihood and dream of joining the Army.

He said: "It was very difficult, it broke me. It was such a shock. I am used to working and being fit, that was my life, so for

him to say that it was very difficult.

"I was depressed, I didn't go out. I was doing two bob jobs to make ends meet as I couldn't do my work as a fitness instructor."

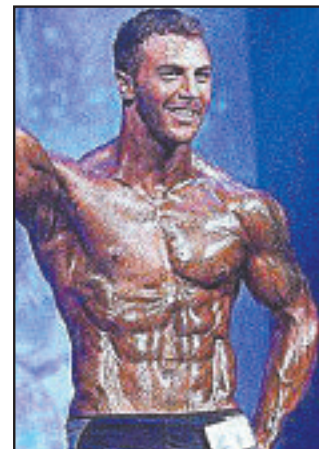
But the determined 26-year-old battled against the odds to train himself to get fit and has now made a miraculous recovery.

Last month, he finished runner-up in a professional competition for fitness models, where contestants are judged on poise, strength and body shape.

He said: "To be honest, I couldn't accept what the doctor said to me. I have pushed myself and got back into good physical shape.

"The comments I got back from the competition were unbelievable."

The success means Mr Bulbeck will travel to Canada to take part in an international championship, a move he described as "madness" considering the scars up his right arm that serve as a



Flex time: Luke Bulbeck in a fitness model contest

reminder of his experiences.

Mr Bulbeck said although he would have loved to have joined the Army, he is now content with his life and is hoping to inspire others in similar situations to his own.

He said: "I am pretty happy where I am now.

"I think my time for the forces has passed. Now I have accepted that and moved on.

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## Funding cash for community

Residents have voted on 10 community projects that could receive up to £10,000 worth of funding.

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# Repair bill rise forces school to shut its pool

by NAZIA DEWJI

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A swimming pool where generations learnt to swim could be lost as a community asset after a school could not meet the costly repair bill.

Councillor Rachel Reid was one of hundreds of children who learned to swim at Chessington's Moor Lane swimming pool aged six.

But that history could be under threat after Castle Hill Primary School, which now owns the pool, revealed it was struggling to keep it afloat.

Coun Reid said: "Moor Lane has got a history behind it and it serves the community. I learned how to swim there, my sister did too and my kids have had lessons there."

The pool, which is more than 30 years old and used to be part of the former Moor Lane Primary School, currently provides swimming lessons to children, mothers and babies and older members of the community.

A spokesman from Castle Hill Primary School, in Buckland Road, said: "In the light of detailed assessment the pool now requires very costly maintenance work over the next couple of



Pool protest: Councillors Patricia Banford and Rachel Reid

years. This is beyond the scope of the school's budget.

"Castle Hill Primary School will no longer be using the swimming pool at Moor Lane from the end of this academic year.

"As of September pupils will use the pool at the Hook Swim School next to St Paul's Primary School."

Councillor Patricia Bamford said: "We are keen to make sure the existing provision can continue or be improved and we will be

looking at options to secure future funding if need be."

The future of the pool could be made part of a long-term plan laid out by residents, who want to improve sporting facilities in Chessington.

Councillors will meet to decide what action to take to secure the future of the Moor Lane pool.

**Did you learn to swim at the pool? What do you think should happen to it? Contact Nazia Dewji on 020 8744 4288.**

## YMCA to get £400k overhaul

A YMCA centre is to undergo a £400,000 transformation this summer, writes *Garrick Alder*.

Work on the Hawker Centre, Kingston, is set to begin this July and last 18 months.

At the end of it, the Lower Ham Road facility will have a new purpose built studio, a soft play facility, an improved cafe and a bar and a fully refurbished gym.

The most striking part of the plan is to convert the building's main hall into a two-storey soft play area with slides, cannons, ball pits and rope bridges.

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Fun room: The planned soft play area

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**HOME GRANTS:** Kingston Council has announced changes to its Grants to Move scheme to help its council tenants buy their own homes. Secure council tenants with two or more bedrooms could qualify for a grant of £50,000 while secure tenants in a one bedroom property could qualify for a grant of £30,000. Call 020 8547 5433.

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**BERYL GIBSON**  
MRRA



# Burglaries ‘on the up’

I live in the Crofts area in Chessington and we are now almost into double figures for actual and attempted robberies in the area – not including other burglaries over the rest of Chessington.

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# Collecting for charity

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Animal Aid also campaigns to improve safety for the horses at the Grand National, as well as carrying out important educational work on all aspects of animal cruelty.

Campaigns are always peaceful and aimed at preventing animal cruelty.

I would also like to thank Brenda Cochet and Catherine Spraggs who helped with the collection, as well as the kind, elderly gentleman who contributed on several occasions to all our collection tins.

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**CLAIRE SPRAGGS**  
Collection co-ordinator

# Mouthpiece on planning issues

Many of you will have read last week’s article (Residents hope to take issues to the ballot box), which reports on the growing concern residents in Surbiton have about planning consultations.

The issues concerning the Surbiton Hospital site have been debated, a decision made and construction now well under way.

The Oakhill and District Residents’ Association

(Oadra) was formed as a body of opinion that would be recognised by the council in the consultation process.

Oadra has attracted a large membership and mailing list, has a constitution and holds public meetings. It has worked hard to represent the community’s views on many issues in addition to the hospital site, such as progress with the new Star and Garter home,

road humps and parking. The next project is to sound out public opinion on the idea that Kingston has elected residents’ association (RA) councillors. Initial approaches to other RAs have received some enthusiasm.

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# Have faith in schools

I am at a loss to understand Kingston Council’s reluctance to embrace a faith school.

The council said it needs to provide 250 additional secondary places by 2015, as well as more primary places and private finance is no answer.

Why does the council continue to press ahead with no-hope schemes?

**JONATHAN RUDD**  
Via email

## NHS Continuing Healthcare

### Introduction of deadlines for requests for assessments of eligibility for cases during the period 2004–2012.

On 15 March 2012, the Department of Health announced the introduction of deadlines for new cases which require assessment of eligibility for NHS Continuing Healthcare funding.

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Students in the second year of the Applied Art & Design worked closely with the V&A Museum. They completed a live brief for which they devised and produced multimedia and interactive promotional material about specific galleries, designed to highlight and illuminate the character and context of particular artefacts. Designers from the museum acted as clients, giving an initial briefing and receiving

presentations of the final products from the students. Tim Foxen, Head of Applied Art and Design, said "The V&A animation project opened up a whole range of experience for students as they had to work for a real client to a tight, industry standard brief, using professional software. They also had to work in groups and learned a tremendous amount about teamwork and presentation, in addition to the creative challenge of transforming a museum exhibit into a fascinating interactive web page. The success of the project enabled several students to apply successfully direct to BA degrees in Animation at top-flight universities."

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James Leonard, Head of 3D Design and Product Design, said "We are enormously proud of the work that students on both the Product and 3D Design courses have produced this year, and we are looking forward to displaying this at the Art and Design Exhibition in June." Design students have worked on projects with Mercedes Benz World, whilst first year students, having visited the Olympic site in Stratford to gain inspiration for their design concepts, have just completed a design project focused on Olympic structures, including bus stops, tourist information points and ticket outlets.

The college also offers students a range of extension courses, including graphic design, illustration and photography.

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## Man denies voyeurism at leisure centre

A man who allegedly waved at a 17-year-old girl while spying at her getting undressed has appeared in court.

Hyung Joon Jee pleaded not guilty at South West Magistrates' Court on June 12.

The court heard Mr Jee

allegedly stared at and followed the teenager, who was with her boyfriend, for nearly 40 minutes at Kingfisher leisure centre, Kingston, on February 23 this year.

It is alleged he followed the girl first into the sauna, then

the spa and finally to a neighbouring cubicle, where he was allegedly spotted waving at her from under the cubicle.

Mr Jee was released on unconditional bail and will have his case heard at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on July 24.



Court date: Hyung Joon Jee



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Happy couple: Robert Searle and his wife Joyce and, inset, on their wedding day

## Death of a gentleman

by JULIA KENNARD

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A Korean War veteran known as a true gentleman has died.

Robert Searle, 81, died peacefully at Kingston Hospital after an eight-year battle with vascular dementia.

Mr Searle, who was born and bred in Kingston, joined the Army as a young man and left behind his young fiancée when he set sail from Southampton to South Korea in 1951.

While on duty he was involved in the infamous Taking of Hill 282.

After two years of national service, Mr Searle returned from war, choosing to discontinue any training and pursue marital bliss.

He married his wife Joyce, now 81, at a ceremony at Saint Peter's Church, in London Road, Kingston, sparking a marriage that would span 60 years.

The couple, who met at the Clarion Club, now known as the Searchlight Youth Centre in Kingston, later embarked on a hobby that led them to become ranked eighth in the country for ballroom dancing.

His daughter Rita Wright said: "He was a true gentleman, a perfectionist and someone who always got things done. He was just such a popular man – always the strong one."

"He was the pillar of strength in the family. Everyone is devastated. He was a very special man."

Some years after the war he was asked to give an account of his experiences for the Imperial War Museum's audio collection.

Mr Searle, who had three grandchildren and a great-grandchild, regularly visited a Korean hairdresser in New Malden for many years after returning from the war.

As a loving father he taught his daughter to swim to an Olympic standard and later coached boys at the Clarion Football Club, some of whom went on to join clubs such as Queens Park Rangers and Brighton.



Happy days: Robert Searle with his daughter



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Prawn Sag (Medium) .....	7.45
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King Prawn Madras (Fairly Hot) .....	9.45
King Prawn Vindaloo (Very Hot) .....	9.45
King Prawn Korma (Mild) .....	10.45
King Prawn Bhuna (Medium) .....	10.45
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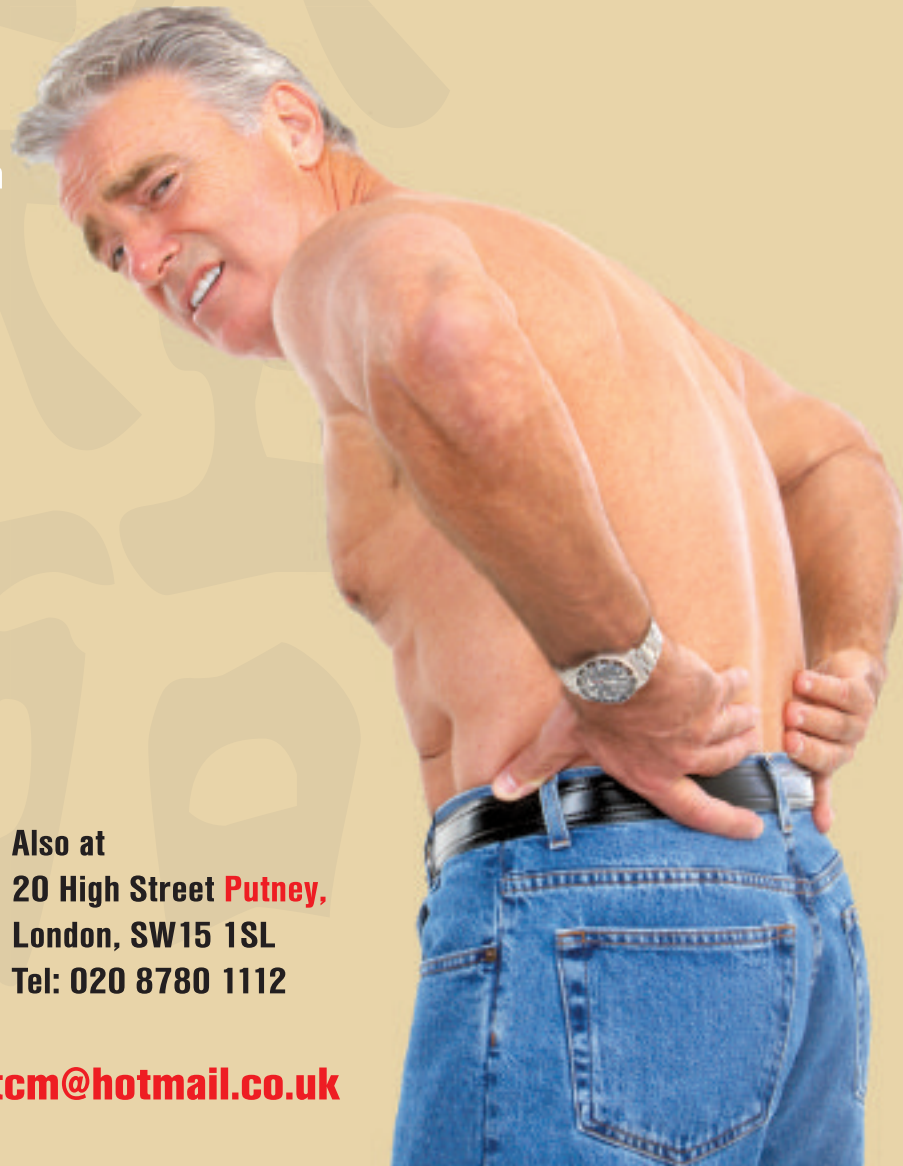


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This is a result of people not using their hosepipes to water lawns, fill pools and clean cars, as well as taking extra steps to use less water in the home.

Richard Aylard, Thames Water's Sustainability Director, said: "Our customers are making a real difference and of course we are very grateful. It's when it's sunny that we can really see the impact of the hosepipe ban and overall careful use of water, as this is when we would normally expect to see water use at its peak. The saving of 100 million litres a day is really important, as is the 60 million litres a day that we are saving by getting leakage to its lowest level ever. 160 million litres of water every day is a very significant saving on the amount of water we need to take from the environment every day. It is making a real difference in ensuring we have enough water to see us through the summer and autumn."

Although the hosepipe ban, which came into effect at the start of April remains in force for much of the South East following the driest two years ever recorded, Britain's topsy-turvy weather has helped ease the water shortage.

Within 24 hours of the restrictions coming into force in April, the heavens

opened and stayed open for six weeks, delivering 262% of average rainfall in the Thames region, followed up by frequent showers in May.

Mr Aylard added: "After such a long dry period the record spring rain has really helped, improving the situation on the surface of the ground, including boosting river levels in the short term.

"However, the levels in many of the natural underground reservoirs, which provide the majority of water in rivers and keep them flowing during dry summer months, are still very low and are unlikely to recover until there is sustained winter rainfall.

"Taking everything into account, we need more time to be sure that we will have enough water to get us through the summer and autumn. But we will lift the ban just as soon as it is responsible to do so and will update our customers towards the end of June.

"In the meantime we encourage everyone to continue to save water where they can – it does make a real difference."

## Securing supplies

River levels are normal for the time of year and reservoirs remain full. However, water levels below ground are unlikely to recover until next winter – and only if enough rain falls. Winter is the most important time for replenishing supplies as the ground stays

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- 3 Try and finish your shower in under 4 minutes
- 4 Keep a jug of water in the fridge to avoid waiting for the tap to run cold
- 5 Have a water meter fitted so you can see how much you're using
- 6 Don't worry if the lawn turns brown – it will recover when it rains again
- 7 Install a water butt in your garden
- 8 Only run the dishwasher and washing machine on a full load – this uses less water than two half-loads
- 9 Fix leaking toilets – on average a leaky loo wastes 2,800 litres a week



wet. In the summer, once the ground has dried out, water can't seep through and much of it evaporates or gets used by plants.

Thames Water continues to boost supplies. Jerry White, Thames Water's head of water production, said: "Of course it's not just our customers who need to help reduce water use, we know there is still a lot of work for us to do to reduce leakage to an acceptable level. This is our number one priority – since it's peak in 2004, we've cut leaks by more

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It was launched by resident Adrian Boyd in 1990, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) took it over in 1993, and since then it has blossomed into the biggest annual event of its kind in the world, each one more memorable than the last.

I've been to them all, and still I thrill with anticipation as it draws near. This year it will run from July 3 to 8, and I cannot wait to get there. For, as well as the exquisite sight and scent of more than 2m blooms, it will be like stepping on to a magic carpet that will waft us over the globe to Russia, Jordan, Switzerland and the Azores.

Thanks to a new show category, World of Gardens, priceless works of art from the Russian Museum in St Petersburg will be replicated in a garden designed as a miniature representation of the imperial city. Meanwhile Switzerland Tourism will feature a Swiss alpine garden, with streams, mountain peaks, meadows and other characteristics of an alpine landscape. Jordan will mark the 200th anniversary of the rediscovery of Petra – the city carved out of a red sandstone valley 2,000 years ago – with a Discover Jordan garden displaying several of the 2,500 plant species native to that country.

The Azorean Garden will use rocks, waterfalls, tropical plants and black basalt to evoke the character of the nine relatively unknown islands that make up the Azores archipelago. The secret of the show's ever burgeoning success



**The Richard Porson: A fragrant shrub rose, by Peter Beales Roses**



**You're Beautiful: Bred by Gareth Fryer, it has been chosen as Rose of the Year 2013 and gained a gold standard award in recent trials. It will be available from garden centres from autumn 2012**

(originally it only comprised 11 acres, now it's 34) is the skill of the RHS in gauging the public mood of the moment. For example, in the boom years of the 1990s, visitors wanted brilliant theatricality, so we got giant waterfalls, volcanoes and stupendously lavish landscaping.

Then came nostalgia for the rural England of yesteryear, so we were given old-world cottage gardens and idyllic pastoral scenes. Now the mood is more practical. Visitors still want to lose themselves in beauty but, because of the recession, global warming, lack of space etc, there is unprecedented concern for the environment, and keen interest in growing one's own produce, making the horticultural most of small plots, and creating low cost gardens.

Thus, it is no wonder the show's main sponsor this year is Ecover, whose household products and packaging are made with health and ecology much in mind.

Or that one of this year's

new categories is for "low cost, high impact gardens", showing what can be achieved with a limited space and budget.

The past couple of years have seen a new zeal to engage children, and the RHS now gives free entry to accompanied children under 16.

Hence The Applebee native Apple Orchard, designed by Matthew Byway of Walton.

It includes an English apple orchard, underplanted with wild flowers and will, he says, "give children an opportunity to reconnect with the soil and develop a deeper understanding of where food comes from and how it grows".

The Grow Your Own marquee will be there again, showing all aspects of growing fruit, veg and herbs.

Visitors will be able to view the displays, buy the produce, and chat to the growers themselves before going to see some of the products being used in the great tastes and artisan food marquee.

I am particularly looking forward to the Plants4Presents display of "how to grow your own curry", using their nursery-grown ginger, chilli, turmeric, lemongrass and other exotica.

Another guaranteed heart-stopper will be the rose and floristry marquee. Its theme will be "romance and roses", and 11 new roses, some of which are shown on this page, will make their debut there.

This is but a tiny taste of the feast. There is not enough space to describe the host of other features, including no fewer than 34 gardens.

To revel in those we must go there, and the most luxurious way to do that is at the gala preview evening on July 2, when visitors can listen to live music, tour the show in uncrowded comfort, and enjoy a picnic (you can pre-book a super one on 0845 3700128) or dine in one of the restaurants, before the evening ends with a magnificent fireworks display against the backdrop of Hampton Court Palace.

Tickets cost £53 for RHS members, £58 for non-members, and numbers are strictly limited.

Tickets prices for the rest of the week range from £14.50 to £32.50, and each full-paying adult may bring two children aged under 16 free of charge.

Note that RHS members are entitled to buy four tickets at members rate, but they

must be booked in advance to qualify for discounts.

The first two days of the show (July 3 and 4) are reserved for members and their guests.

The next four are open to the public, and tickets will be £29 for all day (10am to 7.30pm) and £18.50 for half a day (3pm to 7.30pm).

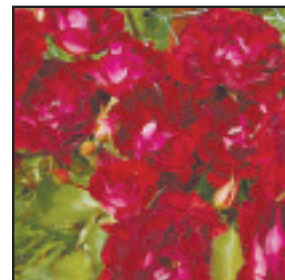
For more information call 020 7649 1883 or visit [rhs.org.uk](http://rhs.org.uk).



**Summer Sweetheart: By Harkness Roses, it is a repeat-flowering climber with semi-double flowers. It thrives in full sun or part shade**



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The RHS is offering our readers the chance to win free entry to this most magnificent of shows. All you need do is answer the two questions on this coupon.

The first three correct entries drawn will each win a pair of tickets, worth £55, to the member only privilege day on July 4.

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Send this completed form to RHS Flower Show Competition, Allied House, Second Floor, 29-39 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ.

The closing date is June 27

and a daytime telephone number is essential to notify winners.

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Question 1: Who is the show's main sponsor this year?

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Question 2: What do the initials RHS stand for?

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# JAZZ legend

One of the best modern jazz musicians will perform his unconventional sound at the Rose as the theatre expands its repertoire further into live music.

Courtney Pine will perform on the main stage on Saturday, June 23, drawing on Gregorian Chants, Scandinavian, Celtic, Spanish, Hungarian and Mediterranean music.

He is known mainly for his saxophone playing, but also plays the flute, clarinet and keyboards.

His debut album Journey to the Urge Within 25 years ago achieved the rare feat for a jazz record of hitting the UK Top 40 and earning a silver disc.

Rose chief executive

Robert O'Dowd hinted at landing a big name music star shortly after he took over in February.

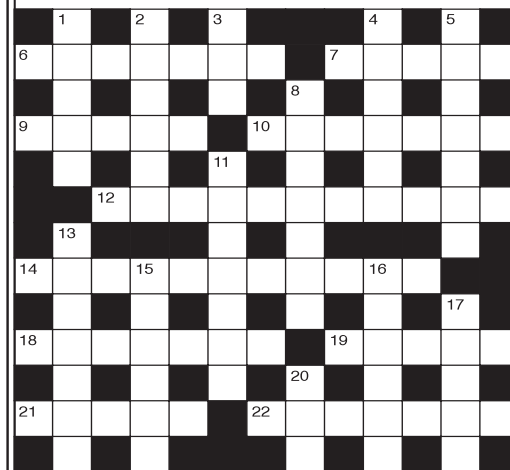
He said: "He knows the Rose and when I spoke to his management they were very keen for him to come. I don't know how he knows it. I will ask him when he comes."

"I think he epitomises contemporary jazz and is one of the best contemporary British jazz musicians of his generation."

"That sort of sound would suit the Rose very well."

□ Courtney Pine, Rose Theatre Kingston; Saturday, June 23; tickets £15-£20; visit rosetheatre.kingston.org or call 08444 821556.

## Quick Crossword



### ACROSS

6. Crush (7)
7. Carouse (5)
9. Subject (5)
10. Impious (7)
12. Need (11)
14. Forewarning (11)
18. Omen (7)
19. Guide (5)
21. Response (5)
22. Funny (7)

### DOWN

1. Let (5)
2. Hit (6)
3. Write (3)
4. Improvement (6)
5. Reject (7)
8. Lie (7)
11. Corner (7)
13. Awry (7)
15. Spirit (6)
16. Acquire (6)
17. Preclude (5)
20. Summit (3)

### Last Week's Solution:

**Across:** 1 Belongings; 7 Align; 8 Problem; 10 Artistic; 11 Warm; 13 Salami; 15 Crater; 17 Envy; 18 Cinnamon; 21 Tarnish; 22 Adieu; 23 Atmosphere.

**Down:** 1 Built; 2 Lonesome; 3 Napkin; 4 Idol; 5 Gallant; 6 Harassment; 9 Memorandum; 12 Truncate; 14 Leveret; 16 Mishap; 19 Maize; 20 Lido



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# Nick Knowles and Kirsty Allsop are dream team

A new survey shows that Nick Knowles and Kirsty Allsop are seen as the ideal celebrity landlords.

Just over 12 per cent of women surveyed voted for property and design guru Kirsty Allsop citing her friendliness and good business sense as her top equal traits, while one in 10 male respondents preferred TV presenter Nick Knowles for his DIY skills.

David Cameron and Jeremy Clarkson were voted least favourite celebrity landlords. Business-guru Lord Alan Sugar ranked third after Nick and Kirsty as a dream celebrity landlord.

The survey of over 1,500 tenants was carried out by the National Landlords Association (NLA).

The survey also found that tenants rate flexibility (26.7 per cent) and friendliness (24.1 per cent) as the top personality traits and skills a

landlord should have. The research, to mark the launch of the NLA Property Women Awards 2012, found that 80 per cent of tenants were satisfied with their current landlord.

NLA director, business mentor and NLA Property Women Awards judge, Carolyn Uphill, said: "Although landlords traditionally tend to get a bit of a bad press, in reality it seems that the majority of tenants are happy."

"Being a landlord is a challenge, but with a satisfaction rating of nearly 80 per cent from tenants, it's useful to have a strong benchmark which shows that most landlords are providing the good levels of service that tenants expect."

The NLA Property Women Awards 2012 is currently open for entries. The awards recognise women who are making their mark on the private-rented sector.

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from across the UK are given, along with six principal awards which celebrate inspirational women from other areas of the private-rented sector, including the NLA Green Property Woman, NLA Young Property Woman Award, NLA Letting Agent Property Woman Award, NLA

Local Authority Property Woman Award, and new for 2012, the NLA Third Sector Property Woman Award, for those operating within the third sector, such as charities or housing associations, who provide exceptional support to the private-rented sector.

The NLA Property Woman

of the Year 2012 – the overall winner – will be selected from the regional and principal categories.

Entries close on June 25. The awards take place on October 31. Nomination forms can be found at property-womenawards.org.uk.

#### Top celebrity landlords

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3. Sir Alan Sugar
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Only three per cent admitted to losing their temper and swearing, with motorists aged 45 to 54 the worst offenders.

More women than men are prepared to use their charms by smiling at other drivers but motorists aged over 55 are the least smiley of any age group.

The survey was carried out by Opinion Matters for car supermarket Carcraft.

The poll also revealed that 60 per cent of motorists are happy to sit in queuing traffic until it moves, with 25 per cent prepared to seek an alternative route.

Only a small minority said they pushed in where they could or jumped from lane-to-lane.

Julia Dallimore, from Carcraft, said: "It appears drivers are getting less wound up when they're on the road.

"They're becoming more patient and courteous, and instead of using their horns, swearing or cutting in front of other drivers they're opting to use a smile or a wave instead.

"Britain is definitely driving happier."



## Fixed penalties proposed for careless drivers

Careless drivers will be targeted under new proposals announced for consultation by Road Safety Minister Mike Penning.

The proposals would make fixed penalty notices available for careless driving, giving the police greater flexibility in dealing with less serious careless driving offences and freeing them from resource intensive enforcement processes.

The fixed penalty will also enable the police to offer educational training as an alternative to endorsement.

Drivers would still be able to appeal any decision in court.

The consultation will close on September 5 2012.

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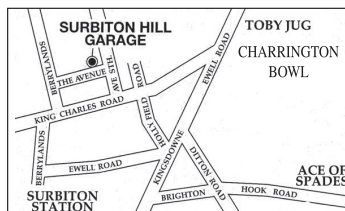
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Kingston's Buter lands bronze

Kingston's Michelangelo Buter, pictured right, fell short of a Surrey athletics double at the Surrey County Schools Championships on Saturday. The 13-year-old Windsor, Slough, Eton and Hounslow athlete, who won the 4kg U15 shot event at last month's

county championships, finished third at Kingsmeadow with a throw of 12.96 metres – a new personal best. Kingston & Polytechnic Harriers' county U17 women's hammer champion Alexandra Bartle added the schools' crown to her collection.

For more see this week's Surrey Comet



Jess flies in under the radar



by STUART AMOS

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Some people's first attempt at the London Marathon might be their last, but Jess Draskau-Petersson's has taken her all the way to the 2012 Olympics.

The Stragglers Running Club athlete, a former Great Britain duathlete, was confirmed in Denmark's squad for the Games last month, having only taken up the sport last June after a four-year break with a knee injury.

Draskau-Petersson, a regular at the Richmond and Bushy Park Parkruns with 18 women's race wins, bettered the Olympic A qualifying standard in clocking two hours, 34 minutes and 56 seconds at the London Marathon in April – her first effort at the distance.

The 34-year-old, who was born in Denmark but has lived in Britain since the age of 13, only quit her job as a full time human resources manager earlier this year to focus on training full time.

And Draskau-Petersson, who has lived in and around Kingston for the past four years, believed her late rise to prominence could work in her favour.

"My father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in June last year and I decided I wanted to turn that news into something positive," she said from her training base in Teddington.

"I thought I'd do a marathon and I thought why not give getting to the Olympics a try. I'd hoped my father would be able to be there in person, but that is not possible now.

"I sent an email to the Danish Athletic Association to tell them what I wanted to do and to find out how I went about it. They must have thought I was mad. "I was never really on the radar



Warming up for success: Jess Draskau-Petersson, stretching off at St Mary's University, believes she can make the 2016 Games too

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until then and even then they really didn't pay that much attention to me.

"It wasn't until I did a Bath half marathon in March in 73 minutes that they started to take notice.

"That is when I started to think it was possible and now I hope to carry on to make the Rio Olympics in

2016. "I've always wanted to compete for Denmark, it is where I grew up and now I will do it in Britain where I live.

"I think it will help I have come from nowhere, because no one has heard of me."

Draskau-Petersson, who first moved to the Isle of Man in the early 90s, is a four-time world elite long-distance duathlon silver medallist for Great Britain, but was forced out of action after an accident on her bike in 2007.

Her return to competitive running has included finishing third in the Cabbage Patch 10km race in Twickenham last October and clocking 1.30:47 at the Kingston

Breakfast Run in April.

She has since teamed up with Isleworth-based coach Noel Stoddart and his Harambee Running Club and is now running 100-miles-a-week to prepare for London.

"After coming back, before I knew it I went from training twice a week, to three times and so on. I had to give up my job," she added.

"Noel's group is full of young talented runners and I'm the old lady of the team.

"It has been tough and I don't know how I'm going to manage until the Olympics. It is hard work, but I love it."

For sponsorship details, email Jess at [jdpLondon2012@gmail.com](mailto:jdpLondon2012@gmail.com).

Resistance: Wanderers opener Dan Euston (20) showed some mettle with the bat

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Malden slide to heavy loss

Skipper Simon Crampton saw his Malden Wanderers men thrashed by defending Surrey Championship Premier Division title-holders Wimbledon on Saturday, writes Stuart Amos.

Only opening bowler Neil Mander emerged with any real credit as he claimed figures of 5-37 to help dismiss the visitors for 166, to put Wanderers on top at the half way stage.

Crampton's men, who go to Camberley this week, lost opener Matthew Birrell to a five-ball duck early on, but they reached 26-1, before losing their last nine wickets for just 23 runs, with Neil Turk (5-10) doing the damage.

Worcester Park kept up the pressure on Division Two leaders Leatherhead as they beat Ashford by five wickets.

Three wickets each for Gary Marshall, Rob Bell and Waqas Sagar dismissed the visitors for 111, before Park skipper Rob Waite (56) struck his second half century of the summer to lead his side – who go to Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian this week – to the win.

In Division Five, third-placed Kingstonian beat Sinjungrammarians by four wickets on Saturday and go to Oxted & Limpsfield this week.

BTCC promise

Worcester Park's Howard Fuller has revealed his stint with British Touring Car Championship driver Tony Gilham's outfit Team HARD could see him in the BTCC next year.

The 19-year-old finished sixth and first in two rounds of the Volkswagen Racing Cup at Rockingham last weekend and is now after an option to step up a level.

"They are keen to get me in the car for testing and the budget I'll need to raise for next year is good compared to other teams," said Fuller.

Fuller races in Spa in the Volkswagen Cup next month.

SPORTSbrief

**ROWING:** Surbiton rowing star Moe Sbihi collected bronze as Team GB's men's eight crew finished third at the final World Cup regatta of the summer in Munich on Sunday. The 24-year-old and the team have a six week training camp between now and the 2012 Games, where they hope to pip men's eight title favourites Germany.

**SWIMMING:** Kingston Royals veteran Penny Webster claimed silver and bronze medals at the Fina World Masters Championships in Italy earlier this month. Webster, who runs the Kingston Royals cadet scheme and swims in the 70-74-years-old age group, came second in the 800m freestyle and the 3km open water event. She also picked up a bronze in the 400m freestyle and came fifth in the 200m freestyle.

**TENNIS:** New Malden's Mel South lost in the opening round of the Wimbledon Championships ladies' singles qualifying tournament at Roehampton on Tuesday. South, who has a wildcard entry for the main ladies' doubles draw at SW19 next week, lost 6-3 6-2 to number 11 seed Lara Arruabarrena-Vecin of Spain.

**NETBALL:** Former Tiffin Girls' School student Hannah Reid made up for her Netball Super League title disappointment by collecting Surrey Storm's players' player of the year award at the franchise's end of season awards earlier this month. Storm lost 57-55 to Northern Thunder in last month's Super League final.

**MOTORSPORT:** New Malden's Tom Onslow-Cole heads to Croft this weekend hoping a rare podium finish at Oulton Park is no flash in the pan. The 25-year-old came third in the final race of his last British Touring Car Championship outing and is seventh in the drivers' championship.

**FOOTBALL:** Corinthian Casuals boss Kim Harris will begin the process of unearthing the next King George's Field star next week, when he hosts open senior trials at the club's Tolworth home on Tuesday. The existing squad return to pre-season training on June 28.





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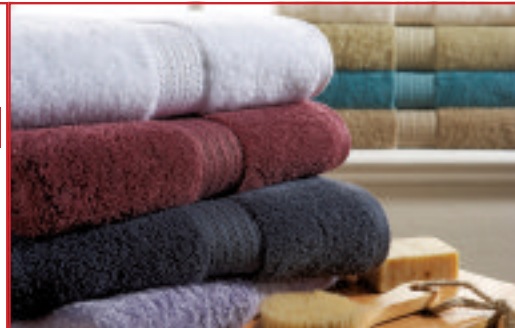
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